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SUBJECT: PROPOSED U.S.-EC CONSULTATIONS IN SCIENCE AND

- TECHNOLOGY

REF: (A) 77 BRUSSELS 4710, (B) CRAWFORD LETTER OF

- NOV 17, 1977, (C) MORRIS LETTER OF JANUARY 16, 1978,

- (D) STATE 23403, (E) STATE 25816

1. IN REF (A) MISSION NOTED THE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS TO DATE AND THE EXPANDING ACTIVITY OF THE EC IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. WE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT EC SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION (OUTSIDE OF THE NUCLEAR AREA) WITH THE U.S. HAS BEEN LARGELY INFORMAL, INCIDENTAL, AND UNSTRUCTURED. WE RECOMMENDED AN EXPANSION OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN THESE GROWING PROGRAMS AS A WAY OF ADVANCING DIRECT U.S. INTERESTS AND FURTHERING THE U.S. POLICY OF SUPPORTING A STRONG EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

2. IN REF (B) MORRIS CRAWFORD (OES/APT/BMP) SUGGESTED THAT THE MISSION EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT BY NSF DIRECTOR ATKINSON IN SPRING 1978 WITH APPROPRIATE EC OFFICIALS. DCM MORRIS RESPONDED (REF C) BY STATING THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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EC OFFICIALS WERE RECEPTIVE TO OUR IDEAS AND WELCOMED THE VISIT BY ATKINSON.

3. DG XII OFFICIALS HAVE INFORMED MISSION THAT APRIL 12-14, 1978 ARE CONVENIENT DATES FOR PLANNED VISIT.

4. DISCUSSION TOPICS: A COMMISSION OFFICIAL SUGGESTED

(REF C) THAT THE TALKS COULD BEGIN WITH A PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE NSF'S " SCIENCE INDICATORS" FOLLOWED BY A SIMILAR PRESENTATION BY EC OFFICIALS ON THEIR SCIENTIFIC STUDIES. THE REST OF THE DISCUSSIONS COULD COVER EXISTING U.S.-EC COOPERATION, AREAS AND TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR FUTURE COLLABORATION, AND ANY OTHER SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO MR. ATKINSON AND THE COMMISSION (REFS A AND B).

5. NOTING THE PLANNED VISIT OF DR. PRESS (REF D) AND THE POSSIBILITY OF OVERLAPPING VISITS BY PRESS AND ATKINSON ON APRIL 12, MISSION PROPOSES A JOINT PROGRAM WITH THE EC OFFICIALS ON THAT DAY.

6. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. CONFIRMATION THAT DATES ARE ACCEPTABLE;

B. SUITABILITY OF TOPICS SUGGESTED BY COMMISSION;

C. FURTHER INDICATION OF SPECIFIC TOPICS DESIRED

- BY ATKINSON;

D. WHETHER INCLUSION OF ATKINSON IN PART OR ALL OF

- PROGRAM RECOMMENDED REF (E) IS ACCEPTABLE TO DR.

- PRESS. HINTON

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